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Report Highlights: In 2000, Croatia imported 9,237 tons of rice with a total market value of approximately \$4-5 million U.S. dollars. Officially, U.S. exports accounted for less than 2% of this market. However, large quantities of U.S. rice are transhipped from mills in the European Union. This report contains information on trade, importers, and tariffs.

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Rice Consumption

Croatia's population of 4.5 million consumes about 2 kg of rice annually per capita. Retailers carry name brands (Kraft, Uncle Ben's, and Chef Dore), speciality rice mixtures, and ready-made rice meals. Rice presently retails anywhere from 3.89kn (\$0.44) to 19.98kn (\$2. 27) per package, dependant on type, weight and packaging.

Table 1 lists producers, importers, and packaging companies of rice on the Croatian market.

Table 1

Country of origin	Producer	Importer	Packaging Company
		Global grupa d.o.o. K. Drzislava 4 10000 Zagreb	Global grupa d.o.o. K. Drzislava 4 10000 Zagreb
Italy	Oryza Hamburg	Infinitiv d.o.o. Zagreb	Herbapack d.o.o. Zagreb
			Advent Pula 00385 52 688 210 www.advent.hr
Vietnam		RioPack Slavonski Brod Tel/fax. 00385 35 243579 00385 35 443811	RioPack
Egypt	El Welev group	Pohit d.o.o. Zagreb 00385 1 6118 887 00385 1 6159 287	
Italy	Euriza Hamburg	Infinitiv d.o.o. Maksimirska 118/2 10000 Zagreb tel/fax 00385 1 2301143	Kombuha-Bingo d.o.o. Kolediecka bb Zagreb
Italy	Riseria Corte Grande Italy	Encian d.o.o. Gospodarska bb 10250 Donji Stupnik	Diona d.d. Zagreb
India & Pakistan	Master Foods Belgium	M a g m a d . o . o . Bastijanova bb 00385 1 3856888	
Italy		Kresto d.o.o. N.Tesle 6 Cakovec 00385 40 390855	
Italy		Sonik d.o.o. Rudeska Zagreb and Benkovecka Zadar	
Italy	Austria	Isiz d.o.o. Krndijska 43 Zagreb	

		00385 1 2924118	
		APIK Samoborska c. 134 Zagreb 00385 1 3441 000	
	Kraft Foods International Germany	Orvas PLUS d.o.o. Koturaska 69 Zagreb 00385 1 6170730	
	Austria	RioBIC Breseneckog 35 V. Gorica	
		Dupin d.o.o. Slavonska av. Zagreb 00385 1 2450079	
Italy		Ivox d.o.o. K. Zvonimira Zagreb	

Imports

There is no domestic rice production in Croatia. Two thirds (6,129 tons annually) of the Croatian market is dominated by Spanish and Italian suppliers. Officially, U.S. exports of rice to Croatia are minimal and as of September 2001, Croatia imported 7,948 tons of rice, of which only 101 tons came directly from the United States (mostly semi or wholly milled). However, EU mills process and transship U.S. long grain rice to Croatia, where they, as EU suppliers, enjoy duty-free entry. Rice imported directly from the U.S. has a 2% tariff. Overall, imports have been stable over the past five years.

Table 2: Croatian Rice Imports for 2000

	Quantity (metric tons)	Value (\$1,000)
World	9,237	\$4,604
European Union	6,893	\$3,657
European Union (without Spain and Italy)	764	\$397
United States	118	\$112

United Nations statistical office

Table 3: Croatian Rice (HS 1006) Duty Rates for 2002

2%	Free
MFN	EU member countries
EFTR*	Bosnia i Hercegovina
Macedonia	Bulgaria
Poland	Czech Republic
Slovenia	Hungary
	Slovakia

* Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein